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MILITARY COMMITTEE (OCT 1)

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1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY OFFICIALS OF BOTH THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF WITH REQUESTS FOR DETAILS
ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCT1. WE HAVE ALSO ENCOUNTERED SOME
STRONG VIEWS HERE--PARTICULARLY ON THE MILITARY SIDE--
REGARDING THE GENERAL APPROACH TO THESE INAUGURAL SESSIONS.

2. BOTH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HIGH GENERAL STAFF OFFICIALS URGE
THAT THESE MEETINGS BE CAST (PARTICULARLY FOR PUBLIC
CONSUMPTION) IN TERMS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FIRST
AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSTITUTE THESE HIGH ORGANS CREATED
BY THE TREATY. THUS, IN THE SPANISH VIEW, THEY SHOULD BE
DESCRIBED AS INAUGURAL CONSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS, WITH IT BEING
MADE CLEAR THAT WORKING SESSIONS WILL FOLLOW AT THE SEAT OF
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THE COUNCIL IN MADRID. FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THIS IS

LARGELY A QUESTION OF PUBLIC PRESENTATION. FOR THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF AND THE SPANISH MILITARY LEADERSHIP IN GENERAL, THE QUESTION RELATES MORE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL INABILITY OF THE CHIEF OF THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF (VALLESPIN) TO SPEAK FOR THE CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, TO THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH DOMESTIC MATTERS AND THEIR LACK OF PREPARATION FOR DETAILED TALKS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY, AND TO A PARTICULAR DESIRE TO GO GO SLOW FOR NOW ON ANY DISCUSSION REGARDING CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH NATO.

3. THIS, WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE JMC MEETING, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HIGH GENERAL STAFF OFFICIALS TO CAST THE AGENDA IN TERMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSIONS RATHER THAN ANY NEGOTIATION OR DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES.

4. DISCUSSIONS INITATED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTORS GENERAL OF EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS (AGUIRRE) AND NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS (DURAN) PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING:

A. DISCUSSION (LED BY THE SECRETARY) ON THE POLITICAL/STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE CONTEXT OF WHICH THE TREATY IS COMING INTO EFFECT.

B. SOME GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE SPAIN-NATO EQUATION. AGUIRRE SUGGESTS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO REVIEW HOW WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO THE SPANISH IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. HE CLEARLY REGARDS THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE AND TACTFULLY LEAD THE SPANISH MILITARY HORSE TO WATER. DURAN HAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE ALSO MIGHT BE SOME GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE PROVISION OF ARTICLE 4 OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 1 CALLING FOR A BILATERAL COMMISSION TO PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL MEASURES TO PROMOTE COORDINATION WITH NATO. NO DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD ARE SOUGHT BEYOND POSSIBLY HAVING THE PRINCIPALS DESIGNATE THEIR PERMREPS TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. (THE MILITARY APPARENTLY DOES NOT WANT THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED NOW.)

C. APPROVAL OF A COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE SOME TAKING NOTE OF THE NEW STRUCTURE.

D. DURAN INDICATES THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA MAY WISH TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN VERY GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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5. DURAN HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN MIGHT BE DISCUSSED PRIVATELY WITH THE SECRETARY IN THE SEPARATE BILATERAL MEETING.

6. WITH RESPECT TO THE JMC MEETING, CHIEF JUSMG HAS REPORTED SEPARATELY (JUSMG MAAG 131630Z SEP 76) VALLESPIN'S WILLINGNESS

TO COME TO WASHINGTON SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER IN ORDER TO MAKE COURTESY CALLS ON SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS. WE HOPE THIS CAN BE ARRANGED.

7. WE ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC U.S. PROPOSAL FOR THE AGENDA OF THE JMC SESSION. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT VALLESPIN WOULD PREFER A SESSION WHICH WOULD NOT REQUIRE HIM TO REACT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. A KEY MEMBER OF HIS STAFF HAS SUGGESTED TO US THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE OUR NOT RAISING IN THIS SESSION QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF F-4 AIRCRAFT, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMBINED STAFF, NPW VISITS, MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AND THE LIKE. HE ARGUED THAT THESE COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE DISCUSSED LATER, PERHAPS TO SOME EXTENT AT THE "FIRST WORKING SESSION" OF THE JMC, SAY IN NOVEMBER, WHEN THEY WOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM GEN. HAIG TO MADRID.

8. WHAT WE DERIVE FROM THE COMBINATION OF OUR CONTACTS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF IS THAT SPANISH OFFICIALS ARE NOT OF ONE MIND ON THESE MATTERS AND THAT MIGHT BEST PROPOSE AGENDAS HEAVILY WEIGHTED TOWARD THE PROVISION OF U.S. THINKING, IN BROAD TERMS, ON THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN, THE VALUE TO SPAIN OF CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE WESTERN ALLIES, THE U.S. APPROACH TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACQUISITION BY THE SPANISH UNDER THE NEW TREATY, AND THE U.S. ENTHUSIASM FOR THE NEW COMBINED STAFF (CMCPS).
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